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**Health Department Limits Its Remaining Supply of Flu Vaccine**

Due to a shortage of flu vaccine in the Chicago metropolitan area, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is limiting its remaining supply of vaccine to specific at-risk groups. This includes people who are 50 years of age and older, those who have chronic medical conditions, and children up to 18 of low-income families (financially indigent or Medicaid eligible).

The final Health Department clinic for adults, 50 years of age and older and those over 18 who have chronic medical conditions, will take place on Tuesday, December 16, at the Waukegan Township Senior Center, 414 S. Lewis, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Waukegan. Residents on Medicaid or Medicare will need to show their cards. The vaccine will be provided on a first come first serve basis *while supplies last*. Children will not be vaccinated at this clinic.

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Clinics for low-income children take place Monday through Friday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Belvidere Annex, 2303 Dodge Avenue in Waukegan. *Once again, the flu shots will be provided on a first come first serve basis while supplies last.* For more information, please contact the Health Department's Immunizations Program at: (847) 377-8470.

There are still supplies of FluMist, which is a nasal spray form of the flu vaccine. It is appropriate for those 5–49 years of age, with some exceptions. It is *not* available through the Health Department, but may be available through private physicians. For more information on FluMist and locations where it is available in Lake County, visit: [www.flumist.com](http://www.flumist.com).

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